

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTH DAY

Monday the 18th October 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri H. S. Rudrappa, B.Sc., LL.B., in the Chair.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—Sir, questions 158, 170, 294, 26 and 452 may all be taken up together as they relate to the same subject-matter.

MR. SPEAKER.—Yes. All the members may put their respective Questions first.

Crimes in Bangalore City and other parts of the State.

Q.—158. Sri V. R. NAIDU.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that people have become fear-stricken due to the acts of theft, dacoity and the like in the City and other parts of the State;

(b) whether they would take action to set up a 'vigilance corps' consisting of public persons and provide them with conveyance, arms and honorarium in order to check such occurrences?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) A scare has been created by some persons but there has been no justification as the crime has not shown any sharp rise.

(b) Station Vigilance Committees have been organised in Bangalore Corporation Area, since respectable members of the public are volunteering to serve on these Committees.

Q.—170. Sri P. R. RAMAIIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many cases of house-breaking and theft were reported during the year 1953-54, in the area of Corporation of the City of Bangalore;

(b) how many cases were detected and what were the punishments given to the culprits;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in the recent months, cases of house-breaking and theft in the Corporation of the City of Bangalore, have been much more than usual and the requests of the public for protection have been more persistent than ever;

(d) the steps taken by the Police Department to check the growth of this kind of crime in the area of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) 875 from 1st April 1953 to 31st March 1954.

(b) Detected 516. The punishments awarded are under compilation and it may take considerable time.

(c) No.

The agitation for more police protection is presistent.

(d) Day and night patrols have been arranged. Vigilance Committees have been formed to check the spread of false alarms.

Recourse is being had to the preventive sections of law.

Q.—294. Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of offences of theft and house breaking committed during

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the last six months in the City of Bangalore as compared to similar period of past five years (monthwar statements to be supplied);

(b) the number of offences in which the accused were undetected and the numbers in which accused convicted;

(c) whether it is not true that the offences are in the increase;

(d) if so, the reasons for such increase;

(e) the action taken by the Government to prevent the commission of such offences?

A.—SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) Statement appended below.

(b) Statement appended below.

Statement showing the number of House-breaking and Thefts reported during the last 5 years in Bangalore.

Month	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
1 April	80	86	62	72	90
2 May	106	97	56	61	65
3 June	99	117	104	81	78
4 July	108	105	93	114	81
5 August	102	127	89	171	87
6 September	90	126	138	100	74
Total	585	658	542	599	475

Statement showing the number of accused and convicted in House-breaking and Theft cases during the last 5 years.

Month	1950		1951		1952		1953		1954	
	Convicted	Undetect- ed	Convicted	Undetect- ed	Convicted	Undetect- ed	Convicted	Undetect- ed	Convicted	Undetect- ed
1 April	27	53	41	42	44	18	40	26	28	25
2 May	52	52	60	32	32	22	22	34	31	13
3 June	37	58	77	36	73	27	44	30	31	17
4 July	51	52	62	57	56	43	61	39	43	15
5 August	46	52	90	33	54	33	97	67	29	16
6 September	57	28	60	33	90	34	71	24	16	19
	270	295	390	233	349	177	335	220	178	105

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c).

(e) Effective patrols both day and night have been arranged. Active criminals are being booked under Security Sections. Station Vigilance Committees have been organised to assist the police for prevention and detection of crimes.

Q.—26. SRI B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of thefts under the following heads reported in Hassan District from January 1954 up to the end of August 1954—(i) house-breaking (ii) cattle theft, (iii) stealing and pick-pocketing;